

IN addition to its other advantages the Topeka fair always brings rain.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably unsettled in the north and west; slightly cooler.

TWO CENTS

POSTSCRIPT

WILSON ISSUES PUBLIC EDICT ON RAILROAD CRISIS

Outlines 8-Hour Plan Accepted by Brotherhoods.

President Washes Hands of Responsibility for Strike.

RAIL HEADS AGAIN REJECT IT

Summons Western Railroad Presidents to Conference.

To Meet Presidents Again Monday; Unions Wait.

STAND PAT ON ARBITRATION

Employers Declare They Can't Sacrifice Principle.

"Conditions More Important Than Principle"—Wilson.

(BULLETIN.)

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson this afternoon summoned additional western railroad presidents to Washington.

The president's telegram follows: "Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railway strike is still continuing. It is highly important that I should personally confer with you or some one authorized to represent you at the earliest possible moment. Hope you can arrange matters so as to be able to come to Washington at once."

Demanding arbitration as a basis of settling the dispute with the brotherhoods, Hale Holden, president of the Portland line, this afternoon issued a statement outlining the position of thirty-three railroad executives who called on President Wilson this morning.

It is essentially the common right of every citizen to have his day in court; it is indeed a substitute for the right of trial by jury. Since in the codes of all civilized countries, the statement said in emphasizing the necessity for arbitration. The statement said that when considered in connection with railroad train service is a question of honest difference, the statement says. The fact that railroad must operate at all hours renders it impossible to restrict the hours of railroad labor to a fixed standard," it said.

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson today, in a formal statement of his proposal for settlement of the difficulty between the railroads of the country and the railroad brotherhoods, indicated his intention to stand pat on his insistence that the eight-hour day be granted the workers.

President Wilson's statement was read to a meeting of the 640 members of the brotherhoods' general committee, after which adjournment was taken until 10 a. m. Monday.

"This seems to me a thoroughly practical and entirely fair program," he said, and I think the public has a right to expect its acceptance.

"The eight hour day undoubtedly has the sanction of the judgment of society in its favor and should be adopted as a basis for peace, even where the actual work to be done can not be completed in eight hours," the president said.

At the same time the president proposed that the demand for extra pay be postponed, pending an investigation, and suggested that if necessary he would obtain authority from congress to appoint a body of impartial investigators to probe the whole situation. This body, he said, would report to congress, without making any recommendations.

In his address to the officials, President Wilson said: "If a strike comes the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me."

Meets 33 Railroad Presidents. The statement was issued just after (Continued on Page Two.)

RELIEF IS IN SIGHT

Gulf Hurricane May Blow Up Cooler Weather.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—The hurricane which today was smashing its way through Texas towns along the gulf coast may be the means of bringing relief to the sweltering middle west, according to the weather bureau here today.

"It is probable the hurricane may do this far," it was said. "But if it does it will be well spent and all we'll get will be cool heavy rains."

It is not expected to arrive before Monday. In the meantime continued higher temperatures were predicted for the plains states.

In Chicago, it was said, the mercury would reach 85 and possibly 100 to the border it was said yesterday. On the temperature was only 85.

Extra precautions were taken here today against a spread of the infantile paralysis disease during the warm weather. It is planned to check the disease with a blood serum now in extensive use in New York.

LOST BOY 6 YEARS OLD

BOOSTS FOR HOME TOWN

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19.—Andrew Jackson James, aged 6, left alone on a street car, was asked where he lived.

"God's country," was the reply. It developed later that "God's country" was Meridian, Miss.

STEAMROLLER IS AGAIN STARTED TOWARDS KOVEL

Russians Resume Gigantic Offensive After Lull.

Break Thru Austro-Germans, and Capture Toboly.

FRENCH FOLLOW UP VICTORIES

Terrific German Counters Keep Allies Busy on Somme.

Grenade Attack on Verdun Suffers Are Repulsed.

ARMED TO FIGHT SUBMARINES

Warned That Commerce Raiders Awaited Her.

Capacity for 1,700 Passengers; Had Only Few Aboard.

Petrograd, Aug. 19.—The Russians have broken thru the Austro-German lines on the Stockholms river in Vohylia and have made a considerable advance it was announced today.

The break in the Austro-German front was made in the region of the village of Czerwiesze, forty miles northeast of Kovel.

Petrograd, Aug. 19.—Heavy fighting has broken out on the Russian front east of Kovel, after a lull of several days while the Russians pressed their advance in Galicia and near the Carpathians.

The war office today announced that in stubborn fighting along the Stockholms river, the czar's troops broke thru the Austro-German position and captured the town of Toboly. A considerable advance was scored in this fighting.

Further south, near Svinichi, the Russians repulsed eight desperate enemy attacks that followed a heavy bombardment.

In the Pripiet marsh district north-east of Kovel, the Russian forces repulsed enemy positions west of Lake Nobel, in the Cherviche river region.

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9,000 TON LINER MEDITERRANEAN U-BOAT VICTIM

Fate of Passengers and Crew as Yet Unknown.

Lost on Trip Between N. Y. and Italian Ports.

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STAMPALIA

London, Aug. 19.—The Italian steamship Stampalia, which plies between New York and Italian ports, has been sunk, says a dispatch to Lloyds.

The Stampalia was a passenger liner of 9,000 tons gross. In common with other Italian liners she mounted guns for protection from submarines. The last report of her movements was her arrival on July 30 at Genoa from New York, so that she apparently was sunk on the return voyage to the United States. She was commanded by Captain Lavarello.

The Stampalia has accommodations for about 1,700 passengers. On her recent voyage from Italy to New York passenger traffic has been light and the agents in New York of the line said today she probably carried a comparatively small number of passengers. Her crew numbered about 170.

No News Reached N. Y. Agents. No word has been received in New York by the agents of the line concerning the reported sinking of the Stampalia at the time of the arrival of the London press dispatch.

The Stampalia first appeared in New York as an armed steamer in February last, arriving from Genoa with two three-inch rapid fire guns mounted on her after deck house. Washington was notified and on being informed that the guns were to be used for defensive purposes only, instructed the collector of the port of New York to grant clearance to her.

On arriving at New York on March 24, the Stampalia reported a wireless message received soon after leaving Genoa that a submarine was following her.

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Car Shortage Serious Problem Confronting Northwest States.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 19.—The three northwestern states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will have 50,000,000 bushels of wheat to move to the Atlantic seaboard by the next six months and practically no cars are in sight in which to move it, according to a comprehensive survey completed today by the local railway men.

The railroads will be called upon to provide about 38,500 cars, the average capacity of a car being 1,300 bushels. Virtually all the grain of the north-west this year except that needed for domestic consumption, will move eastward by rail.

The barley movement soon to start will require 1,500 cars in addition to the number required for wheat. About 20,000,000 bushels of wheat are sold for delivery within the next two months.

today ordered local coast guard officials to make every effort to locate Louis Blaylock, ex-prominent Seattle man, who chartered a small steamer and took a fishing party out from Port Townsend, near Corpus Christi, yesterday. The party consisted of six Methodist ministers. They have not been heard from since yesterday's hurricane struck the coast.

Union Waiters Cause Trouble in Candidate's Luncheon.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 19.—Union waiters refused today to serve a luncheon given to Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential candidate at the San Francisco Commercial club because the club exhibits in its window an open shop card as part of a fight being made here by the Chamber of Commerce upon the closed shop. For the Hughes luncheon a request was made by the management to the waiters' union asking for sixty-five waiters after union officials had protested to Francis V. Kestling, chairman of the Republican state central committee, against dining the candidate in an open shop club.

The Pacific Coast Waiters' association backed up the action of the local waiters and pickets were sent to the Commercial club entrance to warn union waiters to stay away.

One of the large downtown open shop cafes locked its doors over the lunch hour and sent its entire crew to the relief of the Hughes luncheon.

PASS COMPENSATION BILL

Government Employees' Measure Is Ready for President.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The workmen's compensation bill for government employees when disabled and adequate benefits for their families in case of death, was passed today by the senate practically in the same form as it passed the house.

No Relief for Kansas. Chicago, Aug. 19.—The heat wave which began over the middle west yesterday continued today with equal intensity and officials in the government weather bureau here said the temperatures would again range between 95 to 100 degrees in most central states.

There is no immediate relief in sight, however, for Illinois, Iowa, Kansas or Missouri, Forecaster Mitchell said.

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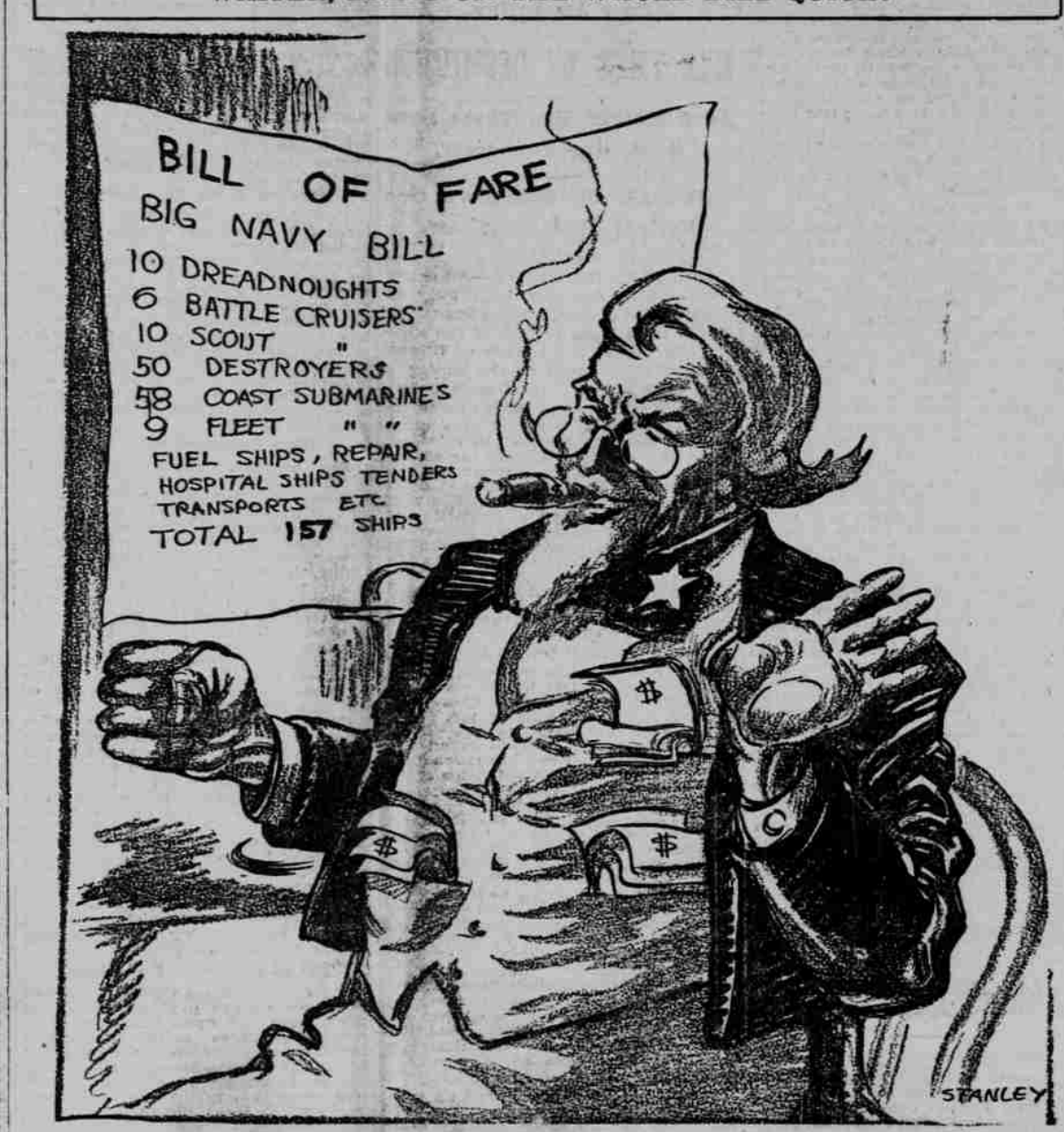
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WAITER, BRING ON THE WHOLE BILL QUICK!



KANSAS NATURAL PLAN CONFIRMED

Issue New Stock

Nine Millions Will Be Sold at 50 Cents on Dollar.

Of \$4,500,000 Obtained, \$3,000,000 to Pay Debts.

REST GOES FOR EXTENSIONS

But Money Can't Be Raised Unless Rates Go Up.

Now It Will Be Seen What Kansas Commission Does.

Kansas City, Aug. 19.—Confirmation of the re-organization plans for the Kansas Natural Gas company, as tentatively announced recently at Pittsburg, Pa., was given here today by W. R. Thurmond, attorney for R. A. Long, one of the directors of the company. Mr. Thurmond's announcement follows yesterday's conference here of the receiver and attorney of the company. The gas company will issue \$9,000,000 worth of stock, to be sold at 50 cents on the dollar, according to Mr. Thurmond's announcement. Of the \$4,500,000 obtained, \$3,000,000 will be used to pay the indebtedness of the company, while the remainder will be used for extensions. Old stockholders are expected to take the new issue. The conference yesterday, those most closely interested pointed out, developed the feeling that the company would not be justified in spending such an amount for improvements unless it could get a higher price for gas.

Some worry was expressed, it was said, as to what stand the Kansas public utilities commission would take in regard to the proposed re-organization plan.

Killed by Live Wire. Manager of Missouri Phone Company Shocked While Placing Wire.

Mohead City, Mo., Aug. 19.—Alexander Slocum, 40 years old, manager of the Mutual Telephone company of Mohead City, was instantly killed late yesterday by coming into contact with a live wire.

The accident happened at Fortescue, near here. Slocum had gone up on a pole to assist one of his men in placing wire. He slipped and his body struck the live wire.

It Isn't Your Town, It's You

If you want to live in the kind of a town like the kind of a town you like. You needn't slip your clothes in a grip and start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind. For there's nothing that's really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town.

It isn't the town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid. Let somebody else get ahead. When everyone works and nobody shirks, you can take a town from the dead. And if while you make your personal effort, your neighbors can make one, too. Your town will be what you want to see. It isn't the town—it's you.

The more wealthy women in Turkey now discard their veils when receiving guests.

AUDIENCE 14,000 GREET HUGHES AT GOLDEN GATE

Refuses to Mix in California's Factional Rows.

Meets Both Sides in Various State Conferences.

Advocates Foreign Policy to Demand Respect of World.

"Even Europe War Can't Save Democrat Party."

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—California Republicans will have to settle their own differences in their own way; Presidential Candidate Charles E. Hughes does not propose to recognize the existence of any faction.

The Republican nominee so indicated his position today in conference with various state leaders. In the meantime, a truce was apparent between the regulars and Progressives, manifesting itself when a local photographer arranged to pose the nominee, National Committeeman Crocker and Chester H. Powell, Progressive leader, together.

The candidate placed himself as he said by those with whom he talked feels that he should not mix in local or state issues, for the reason that he does not desire to be involved in anything except a clear cut issue with the Democrats.

Greater Efficiency of Government. Governor Hughes addressed one of the largest gatherings he has faced during his entire "swing round the circle" in the Civic auditorium here last night. Fourteen thousand persons, it was estimated, packed the huge building to the doors.

The candidate placed the principal emphasis during his speech on a demand for greater efficiency in government, a higher tone of American life and leadership and a foreign policy that will command the respect of the whole world. He denounced the Democratic tariff policy and asserted that America was saved from panic by the business created two years ago by the European war but added that he did not believe that "even the European war can save the Democratic party."

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K. C. DISTILLERS SEEK TO ENJOIN KANSAS POLICE

File an Action in the Federal District Court.

Allege a Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Heavy Fines and Jail Sentences Are Imposed.

When They Deliver Goods on the Kansas Side.

The Inter-state Distilling company of Kansas City, Missouri, filed a suit in the federal district court today, to enjoin the mayor, chief of police and police judge of Kansas City, Kansas, from arresting drivers and officers of the company when they make deliveries of liquor on the Kansas side of the state line.

Frequent arrests have been made and heavy fines and jail sentences imposed under an ordinance recently passed by the Kansas City, Kansas, commission. The petition in the case filed today holds that the ordinance is void for the reason that it conflicts with the Fourteenth amendment and various other amendments to the constitution of the United States.

Its purpose, according to the petition, is to "obtain redress for the deprivation under color of law of the plaintiffs' civil rights."

The Inter-state Distilling company is a partnership composed of Leo and Samuel Bobbrecker. On one occasion Leo Bobbrecker was arrested in Kansas City, Kan., while making deliveries. He was taken before the police judge, John H. Brady, fined \$500 and given six months in jail. He appealed to the district court of Wyandotte county but states in his petition that Judge Brady has refused to certify the case from the police court to the district court. He was required to give a bond of \$4,500 to obtain his liberty.

On another occasion Isaac Dimick, a driver for the Interstate Distilling company, was arrested, taken before Judge Brady, given a fine of \$500 and six months in jail. His employers went into the federal court and asked for Dimick's release upon habeas corpus. By the time Judge John C. Pollock got to the case Dimick had been released from jail upon order of the city commissioners and the case was dropped.

The action is against C. W. Green, mayor, W. W. Gordon, chief of police, and J. H. Brady, police judge, and their successors.

The plaintiffs ask for a temporary restraining order and a perpetual injunction. They contend in the petition that the sales they make are made in the state of Missouri and that the delivery in Kansas is merely a part of the contract made in Missouri.

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TOPEKA WHO SLEW SHERIFF NEAR EMPORIA

Pal of Alleged Murderer Tells Whole Story in Jail.

Earl Smith Reveals All Details to Sheriff Kiene.

HOMER M. CULLER, HIS NAME

Wife Granted Divorce From Him Here in Topeka.

Hunted Man Left This City When Suit Was Filed.

WILLIAM HICKEY

The man wanted for the murder of Walter Davis, sheriff of Lyon county, and the injury of three others, for whom a posse is scouring the Greenwood county hills, is not William Hickey at all. His name is Homer M. Culler, the county officers say. He formerly lived in Topeka, and it was only last March that his wife was granted a divorce in the district court of Shawnee county.

Dora F. Culler, his former wife, now restored to her maiden name, lives at 215 East Fifth street and is employed in a local restaurant.

Culler was in Topeka last summer and fall but had disappeared when Mrs. Culler filed her suit for divorce, December 24, 1915. The divorce was granted March 18 and service was obtained upon him by publication. His divorced wife stated today that she had not seen him since last September.

The former Mrs. Culler did not know Culler was the man who shot Sheriff Davis. She did not know where he had been nor what he was doing. When told of the shooting today, she remarked that she had possessed an unreasonable temper and she had no doubt he would be a dangerous man under certain circumstances.

At the time she lived here with Culler she was employed at the Banner cafe and Culler declined to work anywhere.

Culler is a telegraph operator and a barber. Since his identity has been disclosed, it has been discovered that he was employed a year or more ago by the Santa Fe as a telegraph operator at Wagonmound, Watrous and Maxwell, New Mexico. An elder brother is cashier of a bank at Wagonmound, New Mexico.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 19.—The hurricane that struck the south Texas coast late yesterday has left ruin in its wake. The storm passed inland in the morning and the coast was left a wasteland. Galveston, Texas, 100 miles north, according to meager reports available today. All land wires are cut and little can be learned by wireless.

Latest reports indicated the storm is following the course of the Rio Grande. At 9 o'clock it was said to be centered over Del Rio, fifty miles above Eagle Pass.

Millions of dollars in property damage and destruction of crops is believed to have been done but the only known loss of life is that of a young man of ten of the crew of the small steamer Pilot Boy, which was wrecked on the bar of Port Aransas late yesterday.

Great Steamers in Danger. Several large steamers are believed to have been in the path of the storm and grave fears are expressed for the thousands of steamer passengers. She is thirty hours overdue from Puerto Mexico. She carried a crew of three hundred, but the number of her passengers is not known. She was put into a Cuban or Mexican port where she is believed to be little hope of her having been sighted.

The fishing fleet from the port also is unreported. The small craft are believed to have been on the Camp Eche bank, where the storm struck. The big steamship Nicaragua was wrecked. No loss of life is reported from there, the inhabitants having taken refuge on the high bluffs west of the city, where they would be safe from the highest seas.

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